



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED TO:

Ms. Stacie Sponaugle
Montana Water Association
872 Montana Rd.
Fairmont, WV 26554

RE: Notice of Violation, Docket No. SDWA-03-2017-003-VS
Montana Water Association, Marion County, West Virginia
PWS ID No. WV3302516

Dear Ms. Sponaugle,

The following Notice of Violation is issued pursuant to Sections 1414(a) and 1445 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 300g-3(a) and 300j-4(a), and is a coordinated effort with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR). According to our records and information received from WVDHHR, your public water system has violated certain provisions of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f-300j-26, the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 141.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

FINDINGS

Based on information we possess:

1. Montana Water Association is the owner of the Montana Water Association public water system (PWS), PWS Identification Number WV3302516 (System). Respondent is a "person" as defined by Section 1401 (12) of the SDWA and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.
2. Pursuant to Sections 1401(4) and 1401(15) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f(4), 300f(15), and 40 C.F.R. § 141.2, "a *public water system* means a system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances, if such system has at least fifteen service connections or regularly serves at least twenty-five individuals" and "*community water system* means a public water system which serves at least 15 service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least 25 year-round residents.

3. According to information provided by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR) the System serves approximately 692 persons and has 301 service connections. Therefore, Respondent's System is a "public water system" and a "community water system," as defined by Sections 1401(4) and 1401(15) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f (4), 300f (15), and by 40 C.F.R. §141.2.
4. Respondent failed to produce and deliver a copy of the 2014 Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs) to the public as required by §141.152 (b) by July 1, 2015.
5. Respondent failed to provide certification to WVDHHR that the 2014 and 2015 CCRs were correct and distributed to the water system customers as required by §141.155(c) by October 1, 2015 and October 1, 2016, respectively.
6. Respondent failed to monitor and report for total trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids as required by 40 C.F.R. §141.132 and 40 C.F.R. § 141.629 (a)(1)-(2) for the quarterly monitoring periods beginning January 2015, April 2015, July 2015, October 2015, January 2016, and April 2016.
7. Respondent failed to notify the public and those served by the System of its monitoring and reporting violations no later than one year after the public water system learns of the violation as required by 40 CFR §141.204, for the following monitoring and reporting violations:
 - a. Failure to monitor and report results for trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids during the monitoring periods beginning October 2013, January 2014, January 2015, and April 2015.
 - b. Failure to monitor and report results for total coliforms during the monitoring period beginning November 2012.
 - c. Failure to monitor for chlorine residual during total coliform monitoring for the monitoring period beginning June 2013.

The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is available to provide advice and technical assistance to help address the above FINDINGS. Please contact Ms. Roberta Riccio at 215-814-3107, if you want to request such advice or assistance.

This Notice of Violation is issued pursuant to Section 1414(a) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g -3(a). After thirty (30) days from the date of this notice, EPA is authorized either to issue an Administrative Order under Section 1414(g) requiring the public water system to comply, or to commence a civil action under Section 1414(b). Violations of the SDWA and the regulations are subject to penalties of up to \$38,175 per day of violation.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Section 1445(a) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-4(a), authorizes EPA to require owners and operators of public water systems to provide information as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the SDWA.

Pursuant to Section 1445(a) of the SDWA, Respondent is required to provide EPA with the following information. This requirement to submit information is mandatory. Compliance with this requirement does not relieve Respondent of any liability for violations of the SDWA.

Respondent may be subject to civil and criminal sanctions if it provides misleading or false information or fails to provide the requested information. Information which Respondent provides may be used by EPA in administrative, civil or criminal proceedings.

You may, if desired, assert a business confidentiality claim covering all or part of the information requested herein in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Part 2. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies the information requested herein, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to you. This inquiry is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 (See 5 C.F.R. § 1320.3(c)).

The instructions for responding to the inquiries are as follows:

- a. A separate narrative response must be made for each question set forth below, and for any subpart of each question.
- b. Label each response with the corresponding number of the question and any subpart to which it responds.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 1445(a) of the SDWA, Respondent is directed to provide EPA the following information.

1. Name and street address of the owner or owners of the System. If this is a corporation, provide the names, titles, and addresses of officers. Do not provide a post office box.
2. Name and street address of the operator or operators of the System, and state certification number, if applicable. Do not provide a post office box. If this is a corporation, provide the names, titles, and addresses of officers. The street address of the System, or, if no street address is possible, the physical location of the System. Do not provide a post office box.
3. Number of persons served drinking water by the System per day on average.
4. Number of service connections to System.
5. State whether the System is operated year-round. If the System is not operated year-round, state the number of days in operation.
6. The name, address for the certified operator for this System including the state certified license number and expiration date for current license.
7. A copy of the most recently performed sanitary survey for the System.
8. Copies of all trihalomethane and haloacetic acids analytical results and reports for the monitoring periods beginning January 2015 to the present.
9. Copies of any Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs) for the calendar year 2014 and the certifications of distribution of the 2014 and 2015 CCRs.

10. Any existing plans and schedules for monitoring, reporting and public notifications.
11. Your response to this Notice of Violation and Request for Information shall be in writing.
12. Your response is due within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation and Request for Information. You should submit your response to:

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Ground Water and Enforcement Branch (3WP22)
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029
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and

Mr. Walter M. Ivey
West Virginia Bureau of Public Health
Office of Environmental Health Services
Environmental Engineering Division
WV Department of Health and Human Resources
350 Capitol Street, Room 319
Charleston, WV 25301

If you have any questions, please call Roberta Riccio at 215-814-3107.

EPA has determined that your System may be a "small business" under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA). The enclosed document entitled "Information for Small Businesses" provides information on contacting the SBREFA Ombudsman to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities and also provides information on compliance assistance. As noted in the enclosure, any decision to participate in such program or to seek compliance assistance does not relieve you of your obligation to respond in a timely manner to an EPA request or other enforcement action, does not create any new rights or defenses under law, and will not affect EPA's decision to pursue this enforcement action. To preserve your legal rights, you must comply with all rules governing the administrative enforcement process. The Ombudsman and fairness boards do not participate in the resolution of EPA's enforcement action.

Sincerely,



James C. Bennett Jr., Acting Chief
Ground Water and Enforcement Branch

cc: Mr. Walter M. Ivey, WVDHHR Charleston Office
Ms. Meredith J. Vance, WVDHHR Charleston Office
Mr. Craig R. Cobb, WVDHHR Fairmont District Office